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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

We, Theodore James Myers and Patrick Jay Walsh declare that:

1. We are the co-inventors of claims 18-37 of the above-identified patent application.
2. Prior to August 24, 1999, we conceived the idea of: In a wireless communication system including a network controller providing communication services to a plurality of mobile user terminals, a method of defining user zones associated with each of said user terminals comprising the steps of: locating a user terminal within said wireless communication system; referencing at least one user-selected vector from said user terminal location; transmitting said vector information to said network controller; and generating at the network controller, a user zone


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associated with said user terminal as a function of said vector information, said user zone defining a geographic region wherein said user terminal can access said communication services of said communication system without incurring out-of-network fees. On October 27, 1998, an invention disclosure was submitted to the Ameritech Patent Department. The disclosure was received on October 30, 1998 and is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

3. On November 4, 1998, the disclosure was sent to Lyon & Artz, PLC for a patentability search as evidenced in Exhibit "B."
4. On January 15, 1999, Lyon and Artz, PLC contacted the inventors regarding the patentability search.
5. On or about January 29, 1999, a decision was made to proceed with the filing of an application for the invention disclosure.
6. On August 24, 1999, a draft of the application was sent to inventor Ted Myers as evidenced by Exhibit "C."
7. On September 20, 1999, the patent application was filed. It has now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,618,594.
8. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 6,618,594.


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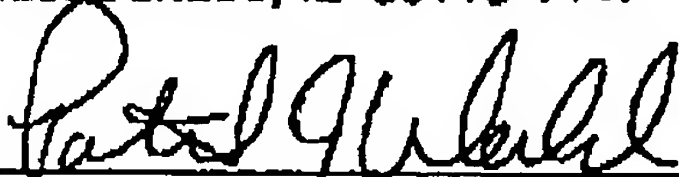
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EXHIBIT A

Appendix A

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Disclosure No.: <u>A00498</u>	Date: <u>10/30/98</u>
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Invention Disclosure Form

1. What can we call your invention? (10 words or less)
Over the Air user zone area assignment
2. Who do you think contributed to the conception of your invention?
List yourself and the people who may be inventors. (Use additional sheets if necessary)

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3. Who will be the point of contact for further confirmation?

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4. What is your invention? Please attach additional sheets (as much as you feel is necessary) to describe your concepts - flow charts and/or block diagrams can be very helpful. In preparing this description, try to address the following:

- a) What have others done in the past (or, do now)?
- b) What makes your invention new or different from what was done before?
- c) What makes your invention better than what was done before?

This invention utilizes location technology to assign a user zone of operation in a cellular network. The user zone of operation affords the mobile station the ability to have special features or billing rates applied to the mobile station while operating within the user zone.

User zone definitions and operations of user zones are under development by the CDMA Development Group and TR45.5 standards group. There is no method of over-the-air user definition of user zones implemented at this time. The method for having the user define a user zone of operation other than a circle with a radius of X meters over the air, is unique to this disclosure.

This information was originally submitted to the CDG on September 29, 1998 to develop discussion with in the Tiered Services group of the CDG.

The attached three sheets are a copy of this submission.

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TITLE:

Method for over the air definition of user zone area

DATE:

September 29, 1998

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ABSTRACT:

This contribution proposes an idea to allow the mobile station an over the air method of creating a geographic user zone in a geometric shape other than a circle.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the CDG discuss this idea with the other comments.

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User Zone Shape and Size Definition Idea
September 29, 1998

Prepared by Ted Myers
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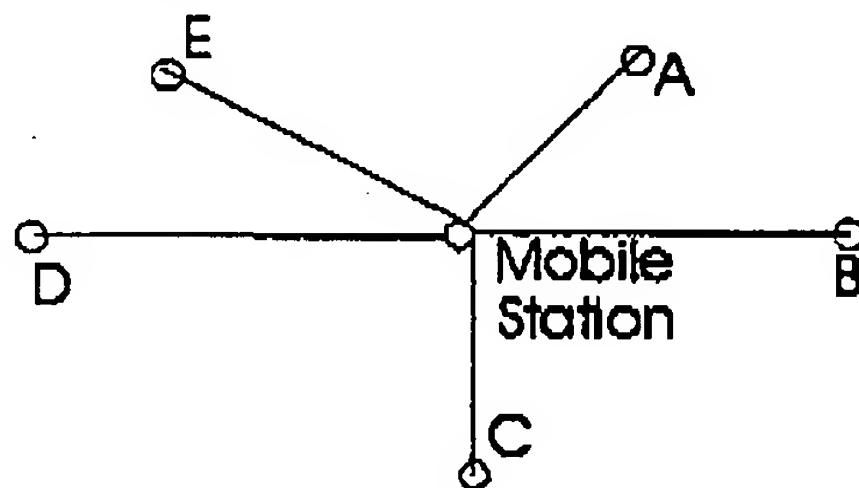
Reference conference call discussion on 9/22/98

I am recalling the thoughts that were expressed at the last face to face meeting as well as during the conference call regarding the ability to define user zone areas in geometric shapes other than circles.

The next idea was to allow the mobile station to define a user zone 'on the fly' in areas where the mobile station may be roaming. A restriction was added, to keep the amount of information exchanged over the air to a minimum.

If the mobile station has the latitude and longitude for its current position calculated or determined in one fashion or another, it would be possible to send vector information over the air specifying an angle and magnitude from the current mobile station location. These vectors would represent points in two-dimensional space with the angles referenced as the points on a compass. The magnitude would represent the distance from the users current location along the angle in units of meters.

The BTS or MSC would provide a processing algorithm to connect the points together using line segments, defining the geographical area for the temporary user zone. The points in space represent a different geometric shape.



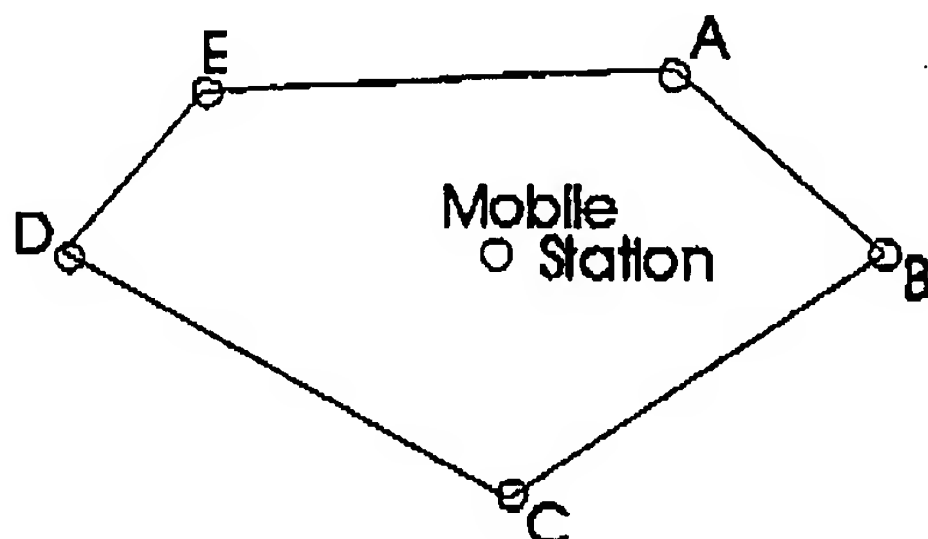
Vector A: 35°, 100 m
Vector B: 90°, 120 m
Vector C: 180°, 100 m
Vector D: 270°, 150 m
Vector E: 300°, 140 m

Figure one: Defining the points in space using vectors.

The information transmitted would not entail a large number of latitude and longitude coordinates, only the mobile station latitude and longitude would be necessary. Vectors would all be relative to the mobile station latitude and longitude. A limit could be set on the number of vectors that a user could send to define his particular zone geometry.

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The final user zone representation is pictured in Figure two. The points in space defined by the vectors have been connected together with line segments defining the user zone area. This calculation and user zone area is performed in the BTS or MSC.



Vector A: 35°, 100 m
Vector B: 90°, 120 m
Vector C: 180°, 100 m
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Figure two: Final user zone area as calculated by the BTS or MSC

5. Please complete the attached evaluation matrix.
6. Two witnesses (who are not inventors) must attest to the fact that they read and understand the attached description. The Witnesses must sign below and initial and date each page of the attached description.

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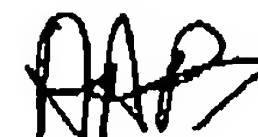


EXHIBIT B

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Re: Invention Disclosure
Possible Patent Application
"Over the Air User Zone Area Assignment"
Our File: A00498

Dear John:

Enclosed is a disclosure by an Ameritech inventor. Please conduct a patentability search for this invention. I would like the attorney handling the case to identify any patents that arose during the search that require further investigation from a defensive perspective. I would also like to personally discuss the search results with this attorney before we decide to proceed with filing a patent application. I will need an estimate for preparation and filing costs at that time. If we decide to proceed with this application, the target date for filing will be January 30, 1999.

Please let me know as soon as possible which attorney will be handling this case. Feel free to have this attorney contact Ted Myers (Telephone 847/765-5648) if you need any additional information about this invention.

Please let us know if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce E. Stuckman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

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Via Federal Express

RE: U.S. Patent Application for
"Over The Air User Zone Assignment
For Wireless Telephony Systems"
Your Reference No.: A00498
Our File No.: AIT 0133 PA

Dear Ted:

Enclosed is a draft of the subject patent application including informal copies of the drawings. Please review all of the documents with your co-inventors to make sure they fully and accurately disclose and claim the invention. Please let me have your comments on the application. If there are any changes that you wish to make to the application or drawings, please give me a call so that we may discuss them.

A patent application must set forth the best mode of the invention known to the inventor(s) at the time it is filed. Thus, if you or the other inventors have any additions or changes to the subject matter of the invention (including the drawing figures) in order to meet this requirement, the application should be amended accordingly. Also, if you have any additional or alternate embodiments or features of the invention, they should be added at this time.

Very truly yours,



Robert P. Renke

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Enclosure